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Dear FDA:

Yes, I like to eat raw oysters at so many of the popular raw oyster bars in the greater New Orleans area.

I favor the famous concept that Americans deserve the right to choose -- raw oysters or treated oysters. If those who have an inherent illness that could cause them a problem from eating raw oysters, they could, of course, abstain from the raw oysters and eat the treated ones. The idea of eliminating all raw oysters is over-kill by another federal agency.

Before you know it, we will be told what to eat, what to drink what to wear -- directives on all of our lifestyles.

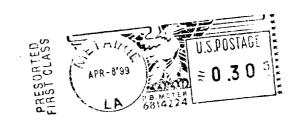
Let's keep America free. For those who like raw oysters, let them enjoy their preference and keep it safe for those who have a health problem who must eat pasteurized oysters.

Yours truly,

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